
From: Schuster, Cindy
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 4:36 PM
To: Reichgott, Christine; Peterson, Erik; Somers, Elaine
Cc: Holsman, Marianne; Schuster, Cindy
Subject: FW: Rep. Derek Kilmer (WA-06) Meeting Request

As discussed with Elaine, here's a link to the WA congressional districts map; Congressman Kilmer's is 6:
http://www.redistricting.wa.gov/assets/Amended_Final_Plans_020112/amend_final_cong_statewide.pdf

From: Schuster, Cindy
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 3:29 PM
To: Peterson, Erik; Somers, Elaine; Reichgott, Christine; Holsman, Marianne
Cc: Schuster, Cindy
Subject: FW: Rep. Derek Kilmer (WA-06) Meeting Request

Teena, thank you for your reply. Since you said that Elaine had been involved with the growler and Erik with other Navy training, I've added them. In response to your request for more specific information, Congressman Kilmer's office mentioned things already in the email below. They have constituents concerned about electronic warfare training, growlers and sonobuoys in their district (so we probably don't need to consider the larger area mentioned in the email). They would like to know about environmental assessment options and the environmental course the Navy has taken, and they would like to hear from people involved with the projects to better understand them.

Marianne, their office didn't respond to my direct question about whether this should be a Congressman Kilmer/Dennis meeting or call, or maybe a management and staff call, followed up with a Kilmer/Dennis one, if needed. Would you want to check Dennis' preference?

Cindy, x. 1815

From: Schuster, Cindy
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 7:09 AM
To: Distefano, Nichole
Cc: Dunbar, Bill; Reichgott, Christine; Allnutt, David; Holsman, Marianne; Schuster, Cindy
Subject: RE: Rep. Derek Kilmer (WA-06) Meeting Request

You're welcome, and I've contacted Megan.--Cindy

From: Distefano, Nichole
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 2:38 PM
To: Schuster, Cindy
Cc: Dunbar, Bill; Reichgott, Christine; Allnutt, David; Holsman, Marianne
Subject: Re: Rep. Derek Kilmer (WA-06) Meeting Request

Ok. Great. Then I will let you all get back to them.

Thanks again!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 26, 2015, at 5:28 PM, Schuster, Cindy <Schuster.Cindy@epa.gov> wrote:

Nichole, I think we're good. If needed, I have contacts for our Region 9 and Canada issues.

From: Distefano, Nichole
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 2:23 PM
To: Schuster, Cindy
Cc: Dunbar, Bill; Reichgott, Christine; Allnutt, David; Holsman, Marianne
Subject: Re: Rep. Derek Kilmer (WA-06) Meeting Request

Thanks Cindy. Shall I just tell Kilmer's folks you'll follow-up or do you need more from me?

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On Jan 26, 2015, at 5:19 PM, Schuster, Cindy <Schuster.Cindy@epa.gov> wrote:

Bill, yes, I can take it from here.—Cindy

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From: Dunbar, Bill
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 2:14 PM
To: Reichgott, Christine; Allnutt, David; Schuster, Cindy
Cc: Holsman, Marianne; Distefano, Nichole
Subject: FW: Rep. Derek Kilmer (WA-06) Meeting Request

Gang – I received this from Nichole in OCIR, who is cc'd here.

Thoughts?

Cindy, do you want to take this from here?

Thanks – Bill.

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From: Distefano, Nichole
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 1:58 PM
To: Dunbar, Bill
Subject: Fwd: Rep. Derek Kilmer (WA-06) Meeting Request

Hey Bill -

See below. Is this you all or do I need to engage HQ folks?

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Thompson, Megan" <Megan.Thompson@mail.house.gov>
Date: January 26, 2015 at 3:52:57 PM EST
To: "distefano.nichole@epa.gov" <distefano.nichole@epa.gov>
Cc: "Friedhoff, Andrea" <Andrea.Friedhoff@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Rep. Derek Kilmer (WA-06) Meeting Request

Hello Nichole-

Rep. Kilmer would like to request a meeting or call with relevant staff to discuss the potential impacts on the environment and species for proposed Navy projects in our region and within the EPA's jurisdiction. Rep. Kilmer is mostly interested in the impact of the planned electronic warfare range, use of growler activity, and increased use of sonobuoys and would like to know more about the environmental assessments required for these projects.

For background, the Navy operates the Northwest Training Range Complex in and around Washington State. This range, includes land, airspace, and underwater regions over, on, and off the coast of California, Oregon, Washington, Canada. In 2010, the Navy conducted an EIS addressing all of the major impacts of the planned projects in the region (<http://noaa.ntis.gov/view.php?pid=NOAA:ocn774715599>). Paragraph 2.6.2.1 entitled "New Electronic Combat (EC) Threat Simulators/Targets" address the plans. Building off of that 2010 EIS, the Navy completed an environmental assessment on the electronic warfare range and issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (http://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrnw/om/environmental_support/EIC_TOC/electronic-warefare-facts-and-review-infomration.html).

Rep. Kilmer's constituents are concerned that the Navy has not taken the adequate steps to study the potential impacts and effects that their actions could have on the environment in national parks, national forests, and other land. Furthermore, they are concerned that the process under NEPA has either not been followed or has been held to its original intent.

This has been a tenuous issue in our region. If at all possible, it would be appreciated if we could set up a meeting or call this week or early next week. I have included our Scheduler Andrea Friedhoff to coordinate.

Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions.
Best,

Megan Thompson

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